

LINCOLN LETTER

Record of Interesting Doings at Nebraska State Capitol—Auto Licenses Taken Rapidly

Lincoln, Nebr., June 2—Administration of the new motor vehicle registration law, which went into effect April 6, is done through the State Department, and has made that office a very busy place indeed. We learn from Secretary of State Chas. W. Pool, that nearly 5,000 new automobiles have been registered since the law went into effect, up to May 15th, and that approximately 7,500 will be the number by June 1. Added to these will be several hundred motor cycles.

The new law is bringing out the fact that a large number of automobile owners were sadly in arrears as to taxation. Collection of these back taxes and the addition of a large sum to the road funds of the counties of the state rests with county treasurers. There is probably due the state on this tax fully \$100,000 in back taxes and this should be promptly paid. The new law with the prescribed colored number plates changed each year, will preclude the possibility of these arrearages occurring in the future.

The State Department has been greatly embarrassed because of the non-arrival of number plates from the factory. It is difficult to convince those who have paid the license fee that it is impossible for any factory furnishing the plates to fill an order of 50,000 in four weeks. The plates are being sent out at the rate of about 500 a day and everybody will be accommodated if they will be patient. Mailing these plates to the owners is costing the state more than \$25 per day. The automobile department is maintained wholly by the fee of thirty-five cents on every motor vehicle license issued, and it will be seen that after paying for the number plates, postage and the salary of six employees, who put in nine hours of faithful work every day, there will not be a very large surplus to revert to the state at the end of the year. Many county treasurers do not realize the need of the department; otherwise they would remit the fees to the state treasurer oftener than they have been doing. It is not generally known that the persons who paid their auto licenses for the year previous to April 6 can procure their number plates by paying an additional fee of \$1.00 to the county treasurer of the county in which they reside.

Under the ruling of the new board of educational lands and funds, composed of Governor Morehead, Secretary of State Pool, Treasurer Hall, Attorney General Reed and Commissioner of Public Lands Beckmann, the review of school lands for leasing or sale purposes will hereafter be made by two or three members of the board instead of one as has been the practice in the past. It is estimated that a proper review of these lands will result in bringing into the state treasury between \$20,000 and \$25,000 annually more than has been received in the past. Instances are cited where land is now being leased at one and one-half cents per acre, which rental the members of the board think is far below what the lessee should rightfully pay.

Session Laws of the 1915 legislature, compiled under the direction of the secretary of state, will be issued by July 1, and persons desiring to procure copies can purchase them from the clerk of the supreme court. As no Revised Statutes will be issued this year the demand for the Session Laws will be much larger than usual.

The farmers of Nebraska who will need assistance during the coming busy season will find it to their advantage to write to the deputy labor commissioner at Lincoln.

Governor Morehead has been out through the state the past week making numerous commencement addresses.

"No provision for paying salaried employees for overtime," is the notation made by Deputy Auditor W. B. Eastham upon a voucher of C. E. Thornton for \$20 overtime in April. Thornton is an employee of the state board of irrigation, highways and drainage, on a regular salary as stenographer, but claimed \$20 for extra work done. Auditor Smith desires to establish a precedent in this case which will stop abuses of the kind.

METCALFE'S PAPER—
THE OMAHA NEBRASKAN

Subscriptions to Richard L. Metcalfe's paper, The Omaha Nebraskan will be received at The Herald office at the regular subscription price of \$1.50 per year. Mr. Metcalfe is conceded to be one of the best editorial writers in America. Herald readers all know him, by reputation if not personally, and no doubt many of them would like to become regular readers of his paper. We shall be pleased to forward your subscription at any time.

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SUNNY CALIFORNIA

Former Western Nebraska Man Tells of Experiences in the Western Coast Country

H. M. Wilson, who left western Nebraska some time ago to settle in California, has written The Herald an account of his "wanderings" since leaving. The letter will be interesting to our readers:

Oakley, Calif., May 18, 1915.

Pursuant to promise, I shall undertake to give you a few lines regarding "Sunny California" to which we have come; and a few lines concerning our own experience since leaving the state of Nebraska. A few lines are entirely insufficient

to describe California, for it is a very large state; has a coast line of 800 miles, and is from 300 to 350 miles wide. It has about 60 counties, some of them as large as are certain of the eastern states; and there are as many climates as there are counties. It has spaces in which a drop of rain does not fall for years at a time; and there are locations where the annual rainfall reaches 50 and even 90 inches. There are mountains covered with perpetual snow; and within an hour's travel of them are vast orchards of oranges, lemons, olives, walnuts, and all manner of deciduous fruits.

Manifestly, I cannot undertake to describe California for you, but volumes of literature upon that subject are readily accessible and are well worth perusal.

Our own journeys covered several hundred miles of California before we settled on a farm in Rincon valley, near Santa Rosa, the county seat of Sonoma county. Sonoma is seventh in size of California's counties, being almost exactly of the same area as the state of Rhode Island. Santa Rosa is 50 miles north of San Francisco, and has about 12,000 population. The county's population is about 55,000 or 60,000. The name "Sonoma" is an Indian word, and means "Valley of the moon"; "Santa Rosa" is a Spanish name, and means "Saint Rose". Nearly all California names are either Spanish or Indian.

Sonoma county's industries are widely varied. There are mines, wines and fisheries, lumber mills, dairies, milk condensaries—and chickens, and then some more chickens. Petaluma, 15 miles south of Santa Rosa, is the "hen metropolis" of the world. Draw a circle with a 15-mile radius, with Petaluma as the center, and you will include at least five million fowls. Egg production is there a highly developed and scientific occupation. An immense sum of money is invested, and the business is most generally profitable. Sonoma county leads the state in egg production and is third or fourth in the value of its dairy products, and is also first of all the counties in its annual hop harvest. The hop business is "mighty uncertain", but when there is a good year, a man with even a small hop yard makes a fortune. The price depends mainly upon the European markets. At least, that is generally believed to be the case. But it seems strange that buyers should right now be offering from 12 to 14 cents a pound for next autumn's harvest of hops, when the European markets are generally closed. But that is being done right now. Sonoma county hop growers are contracting this year's yield at from 12 to 14 cents. It costs from 7 to 8 cents to produce a pound of hops and put them in the market. So this means a fairly profitable year for hop growers. But this is nothing to the "big bonanza" years. Hops have some times sold at 7½ or 8, or 9 cents for years at a time, and then gone up to \$1.25 or even \$1.50 a pound, because of a crop failure in Europe.

But Sonoma's greatest products are fruit and grapes. Millions of gallons of wine are made every year. That county has the largest wine vat in the world. It is made of concrete, enameled inside, and holds two million gallons. Whenever it is emptied, a ball is given, and the wine vat is the ball room. Its bottom makes a floor for about 200 dancers, and affords room for spectators as well.

There are many large fruit canneries in Sonoma county. Altogether they employ probably 5,000 people in the busy season. In addition to these there are many drying yards where almost every sort of fruit is cured in the sun. I have not at present statistics upon the extent of this industry, but it is enormous. The canned and dried fruits are shipped to every country on the globe.

Santa Rosa is the home of Luther Burbank, the world-famed plant breeder, who originated the Burbank potato, the Burbank plum and the Wickson plum, the "Wonder" berry, the spineless cactus, the Shasta daisy, the pitless prune and pitless plum, and about a thousand other new plants. Burbank has several experimental grounds in and near Santa Rosa, and these are the center of great interest for thousands of visitors from all parts of the world; many of whom are scientific men who are engaged in the same sort of work, and have come from distant countries to see him and study his methods.

I might write much more about Sonoma county, but we do not live there any more. We remained a year, and then traded our Sonoma orchard for a place of the same size in Contra Costa county. "Contra Costa" is a Spanish name, and means "opposite coast". It was applied by the Spanish in early days, when San Francisco was the only settlement, and "Contra Costa" meant simply "across the bay".

We are 45 miles from San Francisco, and only two miles from the great San Joaquin river, on which large steamers ply. Like Sonoma county, Contra Costa produces more fruit than anything else. Poultry is reared here, but to less extent than in Sonoma. Almonds, apricots, olives and walnuts are this county's specialties, and they are certainly of surpassing quality—especially the apricots. You folks in the East do not know what an apricot is. By "the East" I mean Nebraska, which is as far east of us as New York is east of you. You have some things that are shipped in to you, and are called "apricots", but they are only base imitations.

This particular part of Contra Costa county leads the world in the production of that royal, surpassing, succulent vegetable, asparagus. We do not grow any of it ourselves. It is grown mostly on the peat lands in the delta of the San Joaquin river. But it is as cheap here as hay is in Nebraska. Vast quantities are shipped to New York in s— cut crates and refrigerator cars. The cut ends of the stalks are stepped in wet moss; the bundles tied with blue ribbons and wrapped in brilliantly embossed

wax paper, and the whole package is a work of art that appeals to both eye and palate. Those bunches sell in New York at a dollar or a dollar and a quarter. They cost us from five to fifteen cents, according to the stage of the season.

Celery, also, is largely grown on the delta lands and the islands in the river. There are celery fields of hundreds of acres each. One farm alone sends nearly a steamboat load to San Francisco every day during the season, and there are many farms.

Crop prospects in this immediate region are most excellent. Almonds are especially good with us, and so are apricots, figs, peaches, plums, prunes, apples, walnuts, grapes—everything promises well. Prices on some of these products are generally rather lower than usual, but on others they are well up to average.

This letter must be brought to a close, although I could make it much longer. I might fill several columns more with Sonoma county and Contra Costa county, and then leave much untold. And then I might write several columns more about the great exposition in San Francisco. I may send you some of this in another letter, but for the present, good night.

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LIVE STOCK PRICES

Beef Cattle and Calves Are Lower Than One and Two Years Ago to Producers

The prices of meat animals—hogs, cattle, sheep and chickens—to producers of the United States on April 15 averaged about \$6.59 per 100 pounds, which compares with \$7.40 a year ago, \$7.35 two years ago, \$6.30 three years ago, \$5.80 four years ago, and \$7.74 five years ago.

Average prices to farmers of the United States for different classes of live stock on April 15 of years indicated were estimated as follows:

	1915	1914	1913	1912
Beef cattle, per 100 pounds:	\$5.96	\$6.29	\$6.08	\$5.15
Veal calves, per 100 pounds:	7.31	7.68	7.38	6.22
Hogs, per 100 pounds:	6.48	7.80	7.94	6.78
Sheep, per 100 pounds:	5.60	4.96	5.16	4.57
Lambs, per 100 pounds:	7.35	6.47	6.59	5.98
Milch cows, each:	57.78	59.60	55.34	45.14
Horses, each:	131.75	137.95	148.05	142.30

It will be observed that beef cattle and calves are lower than one and two years ago but higher than three years ago; hogs are lower than any of the preceding three years; sheep and lambs on the other hand are ruling higher than any of the preceding three years; and in this connection it might be observed that the average price of wool, unwashed, on April 15 was about 22.7 cents per pound as compared with 16.8 cents a year ago, 17.7 cents two years ago, 17.3 cents three years ago, and 15.7 cents four years ago. Horses rule lower than any of the preceding three years.

NOTICE

I now have my hardware books in the office of W. S. Acheson, room 1, second floor of Norton building, over Harper's store. Persons knowing themselves indebted to the Acheson Hardware Store will please call and settle at once.

I. L. ACHESON.

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Card of Thanks

The members of the Grand Army of the Republic and the United Spanish War Veterans wish to thank the band, the School of Music, the ministers, the speakers, and all others who contributed in any manner to the success of the Memorial Day program, and assure all that their assistance was appreciated.

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VISITS CHALMERS FACTORY

Well Known Woman Writer Inspects One of the Greatest Plants in the World

Ida M. Tarbell, well known authority on American labor conditions, and special writer for the American Magazine, visited the Chalmers Motor Company the other day. She took an inspection tour of the factory under the direction of a Chalmers official.

The primary reason for Miss Tarbell's visit was the accumulation of data preparatory to a series of articles on safety precautions in automobile plants. She pronounced the conditions existing throughout the Chalmers factory to be ideal. Commenting upon the findings of her tour she said, "I was especially impressed by the exquisite landscape gardening which sets off the Chalmers plant. It is one of the most beautiful factory sites in the whole country."

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At the termination of her visit at the factory, Miss Tarbell was taken for a spin about Detroit in a Chalmers Master Six.

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